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While the DOJ settlement does seem a little light to me, it is the best offer on the table for the United States.

The other states want to destroy Microsoft, you cannot let this happen. Despite the personal interest of the people at Oracle, Sun, et. al., Microsoft has propelled the microcomputer industry foreword to a standard. This benefits everyone (including people that don't own computers).

I have been a professional programmer since 1989, and while I still prefer the Mac OS, I believe that especially with the current economy we need to SETTLE THIS CASE BASED ON THE DOJ RECOMMENDATION IMMEDIATELY.

Thanks,

-Chris C.

P.S.

In my personal opinion Larry Ellison is even less relevant than Steve Jobs.